

other portions of the abbey, where sculpture is employed as a decoration, this fragment was of the fine grey stone of Grimsbill quarry, which is of a finer texture and more fit for statuary or niche work than the soft red sandstone of the other parts of the fabric.

#### CHURCH-BUILDING NEWS.

**Cranfield.**—A painted window has just been placed in the parish church of Cranfield, Beds. It contains, in two lights, six shields, one of ancient glass, said to be the arms of a descendant of Edward III. consisting chiefly of the royal arms of that period, and the only specimen of stained glass remaining in this church before its late restoration,—the royal arms of the present period,—the arms of the Archbishop of Canterbury,—of the See of Ely,—of Mr. J. C. Harter, the patron of the living,—and of the present rector, the Rev. G. G. Harter. The whole is surrounded by a border consisting of roses of York and Lancaster, and was executed by Mr. Willement, of London.

**Blackheath.**—On Tuesday week the whole of the masons employed in erecting the new church at Blackheath, at the expense of Mr. J. J. Angerstein, struck from work, in consequence of some dispute. This is the third time a similar course has been adopted by them within as many months; concessions on the two former occasions having been made to their demands. In their third experiment they have failed; the whole of them, including the foreman, having been paid their money and discharged. Other hands are now being engaged, and the work is not likely to suffer much delay in consequence.

**Kidmore-end, Oxon.**—St. John's district church was consecrated on Friday in last week. The church is in the Early English style of Gothic architecture, from a design by Mr. Arthur Billing. The plan is that of a double parallelogram, consisting of a nave, chancel, north porch, and small vestry. The nave is 60 feet long by 22 feet wide, and the chancel 17 feet by 20 feet, the east end of an apsidal form. The nave is lighted with simple lancet windows on the north and south side and at the west end. The glass to two of these windows is a donation from Mrs. Brandreth and Mrs. Nind, being filled with Powell's figured quarries, and having texts of Scripture inserted. Between each window a buttress of two stages is introduced, dividing each side of the church into four bays: in the second of these, on the north side, is the porch, which is of stone, having a doorway with columns at the sides and moulded arch above. It has a timber roof of open framework, the gable surmounted with a simple cross in stone. The roof to the nave is of open framework, with lancet pointed framing to the principal rafters. The west front is terminated by a gable turret to contain one bell, and of a simple character. The chancel, which is the most striking feature of the church, has a stone groined roof supported by columns placed between each of the windows, the stone ribs of which are moulded, and have the characteristic enrichment of the dog-tooth ornament executed throughout them. It is lighted by seven trefoil-headed lancet windows: the centre window, immediately above the altar, contains a painting of the Crucifixion in stained glass, executed by Warrington, being the gift of the architect. Two other windows in the chancel are filled with stained glass, executed by a lady residing in the parish. The chancel arch embraces nearly the whole width of the nave. The sittings are all free, and accommodate 220 persons: they consist of plain open benches. The whole of the woodwork has been stained and varnished. The walls are built of flint, with Bath stone dressings and groins to the windows and buttresses. The building has been carried out by Messrs. Biggs and Wheeler, of Reading.

**Hugher Brisham.**—St. Mary's Church, Hugher Brisham, according to a Devonshire paper, is undergoing extensive repairs, and the seats are being re-modelled. The vestry is to be placed within the church, near the entrance: it was previously at the eastern end, and caused great inconvenience to the clergy-

man in passing to and fro. The Rev. Robert Holdsworth, the vicar, has presented a window of stained glass, and a lady of the same family an altar-piece. The north transept, occupied solely by Sir J. B. Y. Buller, bart. and family, is, at his own cost, being "beautified" and fitted up. The church is above 400 years old, and it will only need a little additional liberality on the part of the parishioners to remove the rough cast from the tower, in order to render—the edifice a credit to the town.

**Wolverhampton.**—The restoration of the collegiate church, according to the local *Chronicle*, has at length been commenced. The contract for the external portion of the fabric (with the exception of the chancel, for the reparation of which the Ecclesiastical Commissioners, or their lessee the Duke of Cleveland, are, or are supposed to be, liable), has been undertaken by Messrs. Higham, under the superintendence of Mr. Ewan Christian, the architect to the Ecclesiastical Commissioners. It appears from his report, that the estimated expense of the exterior work will be about 6,000*l.*; that is to say, for the repair of masonry or for drainage, 3,371*l.*; for the repair and renewal of roofs, 2,000*l.*; and for re-glazing the chancel, 193*l.*; these some amount to 5,530*l.* to which is to be added, as an allowance for contingencies, 470*l.*; making the total of 6,000*l.* The restoration is to be taken in sections: the formation of a dry area along the north and south aisles, as a protection from damp, is already commenced; and the south aisle, clerestory, porch, and tower will probably soon be proceeded with. The west end of the church will, it is believed, be reconstructed, and a more appropriate window introduced. Of the sum required for the repair, 3,000*l.* will be given by the Ecclesiastical Commissioners, and about 2,000*l.* has been promised in the way of subscriptions. The sum of 1,000*l.* is still required.

**Hull.**—The inauguration of the new synagogue took place on 26th ult. The pews are of oak, and will accommodate about 200 persons on the floor, and about 80 more in the ladies' gallery. The several works have been completed by Mr. James Brown, builder; Mr. T. Clarkson, joiner; Mr. Smith, plumber; and Mr. Hilken, painter, after the designs of Mr. W. D. Keyworth, of Hull, architect. The building is warmed by hot-water apparatus supplied by Messrs. Wilson and Woodfin.

**Wroaby parish church,** near Brigg, having been closed for several weeks, for the purpose of making some alterations, and thoroughly cleansing the whole interior, was re-opened on 26th September. The restoration has been under the superintendence of the architect last named.

**Leeds.**—The foundation-stones of two new churches were last week laid in the parish of Leeds, each of them, says the *Leeds Intelligencer*, in a district thickly inhabited by the hard-working sons and daughters of toil, whose physical, moral, and spiritual condition is exciting the attention and sympathy of both clergy and laity. The chief stone of the first of them, namely, the Church of St. Jude's, Pottery-field, Hunslet, was laid on Tuesday in last week. A bottle, containing a florin (bearing the date of the present year), and a brass plate, having engraved on it the names of the committee, the architect, &c. were deposited by the architect in a cavity made for the purpose. The florin may thus have a chance of being seen by some future generation, which is more than can well be said by most of that now living, who may never see it any more than its predecessor of F. D. notoriety: a coin a little more characteristic of the era should have been added. The plan of this church consists of a spacious chancel, with sacristy and organ chamber in the south side; a nave and lean-to aisles, 85 feet in length, having the tower at the west end of the north aisle. It is intended (should the funds—400*l.*—be provided) to surmount the tower with a lofty spire. The works are progressing rapidly under the management of the architect, Mr. Philip Boyce, and it is hoped to complete the fabric ready for consecration in about twelve months' time. The other church alluded to is one at

Huslingthorpe, to be dedicated to St. Michael and all Angels.

**Aberdare.**—A new church has just been opened in this rapidly increasing town. It is of the Decorated style, and consists of a nave, 52 ft. 6 in. and 23 ft. wide, from centre to centre of columns; aisles, 2 ft. 6 in. by 13 ft. 9 in.; and a chancel, 30 ft. by 14 ft. North transept and north-east vestry, with organ-loft over, 18 ft. by 16 ft. 6 in. and a porch. The height of the church in clear is 50 ft. The tower is placed at the west end, 15 feet square in the clear, and height to spire, 180 ft. The windows are worked in Coombe Down Bath stone, double jointed, and walling of Doffryn stone, pointed with mortar, with rusticated quoins of Bath stone. Four Bath-stone columns, with octagonal caps, separates the nave from the aisle. The roof is an open timbered one, stained and varnished, as also are the seats to imitate oak. The church is heated on the hot-water principle. The site chosen is an elevated spot, the centre of the town, and it forms, with a lofty spire, a very conspicuous feature. It affords accommodation for about 300 persons. The cost is said to be 4,000*l.* Mr. A. N. is the architect, and Mr. Strawbridge, jun. Bristol, the builder.

#### SOMERSETSHIRE ARCHÆOLOGICAL SOCIETY.

THE fourth annual meeting of this Society was held last week in Bath, and passed off very satisfactorily. The attendance would doubtless have been larger if intimation had been sent to all the members of the intended meetings and proceedings. The want of management and arrangement on the part of those who direct the various archaeological societies now annually held, five times out of six tends to lessen their efficiency. Several interesting excursions were made, and a good time was spent in the museum formed. Mr. Gore Langton, M.P. presided, and, with the mayor and other gentlemen, displayed much hospitality. On Tuesday papers were read on the "Necropolis of Egypt," by the Rev. H. Street. "On Perpendicular Church Towers of the County of Somerset," by the Rev. F. Warre; "On Church Restoration," by Mr. C. Davis, and others.

At the dinner on that day the Rev. H. Street suggested that every clergyman should keep a record of all the events which occur in his parish, and collect historical documents connected with it.—Dr. Markland, referring to the state of opinion when he first became a Fellow of the Society of Antiquaries, said—At that period every thing regarding antiquities was looked at, except by a few, with apathy. True it was, that those who loved the study were not then held up to the ridicule to which Pope had previously consigned them—

With sharpened eye, pale antiquaries pry  
The inscriptions valuer, but the rust a pry.

They had got, perhaps, a little beyond the satiric reflection, but still their studies were regarded with comparative indifference. Let them, however, mark what had taken place within the last quarter of a century. The foundation of the Oxford Architectural Society, about fifteen years ago, had led to the formation of the Institute and Association, and to kindred societies in almost every county in England: amongst them, he was happy to enumerate Somersetshire. The president had, in the morning, beautifully alluded to the zeal with which the society repelled every attempt at the demolition of ancient buildings. Another duty which it had to perform was to prevent a decayed building from being mutilated and marred in its restoration. He (Dr. Markland) had lately visited Lincoln and Ely, and it was impossible to traverse the walls of those noble cathedrals without feeling something of exultation that England still possessed such edifices, and that they were so duly appreciated.

Mr. Britton, on the part of the visitors, made one of his genial speeches, and referred to the time he had known some of the local antiquaries. His young friend, Dr. Markland, he said, had reminded him that he had visited him in the year 1807. He (Mr. Brit-